

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 27, and 28 are currently pending in the application. In the outstanding Office Action dated September 25, 2006, the Examiner withdrew the previous restriction and election of species requirement that was made on June 30, 2005, and made a new election of species requirement to one of Species 1 (claims 1-12 and 28) and Species 2 (claims 13-18 and 27). In response to this new election of species requirement, Applicants elect Species 1 (claims 1-12 and 28) without traverse, and request examination on the merits.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number, if needed.

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